

maximum of 0.004 sulfur (S);

up to 0.60 manganese (Mn);

minimum of 51 of nickel (Ni) or a combination of nickel (Ni) and cobalt (Co); and

melting-related contaminants.

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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claim 8 will be amended, whereby claims 8-38 will remain pending. Claims 8 and 33 are independent claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Discussion Of Telephone Interview

Applicants express appreciation for the courtesies extended by the Examiner during a July 10, 2003 telephone interview wherein the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003 was discussed.

During the telephone interview, arguments were presented regarding Applicants' invention, including a discussion of paragraphs [0014] and [0025] of Applicants' Substitute Specification. During a discussion of these arguments, the Examiner indicated that English translations of Kudo et al., JP 57-210941 and Kato, JP 56-084445 had been obtained. The Examiner indicated that he would forward the English translations by facsimile in order that they can be reviewed for consideration when filing a response. Accordingly, the interview was terminated for forwarding of the English translations, which have presently been received by Applicants.